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The Chargé d'affaires of Italy to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and in response to the latter's note verbale No. SCPC/8/91 (1) of 16 December 1991, has the honour to communicate the following:

Through the decision of its Ministerial Council of 5 July 1991, the European Community imposed a total embargo on exports of arms and military equipment to Yugoslavia.

This embargo has become legally binding for Italy, according to Law No. 185/90 and to a ministerial decision of 3 August 1990.

Equally, the embargo decided by the Security Council on 25 September 1991 was automatically applied by Italy in pursuance of said Law No. 185/90.

Accordingly, it is prohibited to export all kinds of war armaments, described in a list of equipments, published according to a decree of the Ministry of Defence of 9 October 1991.

Moreover, all Italian exports of military equipments to Yugoslavia had ceased as early as October 1990, because the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in view of the tensions already mounting in the country, had banned them in pursuance of Article 2 of Law No. 185/90 mentioned above.

From that date onwards, the Italian embargo against Yugoslavia has been equally applied to arms exports that had been previously agreed upon, and negotiations for future arms exports have been banned; it is furthermore prohibited to send spare parts, to repair armaments, and to transfer any kind of military technology.

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